

State of } In Council of Safety Bennington 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 1777  
Vermont)

Dear General

I am directed by this Council to Congratulate  
Your Honor on the glorious and ever memorable Event  
of the 17<sup>th</sup> Instant, an Event big with the most important  
and happy Consequences to the whole of the united States  
of America. an Event which is more Particularly grateful  
to the Inhabitants of this State, as it promises future  
Security to its much distressed Inhabitants, who have  
in great Numbers been obliged to quit their once Peaceable  
and flourishing Habitations, driven therefrom by their  
unnatural, cruel, but now conquered Enemies. An  
Event so Pleasing that nothing but your Honor's  
Misfortune gives us any Alloy. That God would <sup>still</sup> bless  
the Arms, and Armies of the united States of America  
~~and great Britain~~ wherever Pointed against the  
inveterate Foes of America and great Britain, (they  
have ever been the same) And that your Honor may  
be speedily restored to your former Health and Usefulness  
again, is the ardent Wish of dear General  
by Order of Council

Your very humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

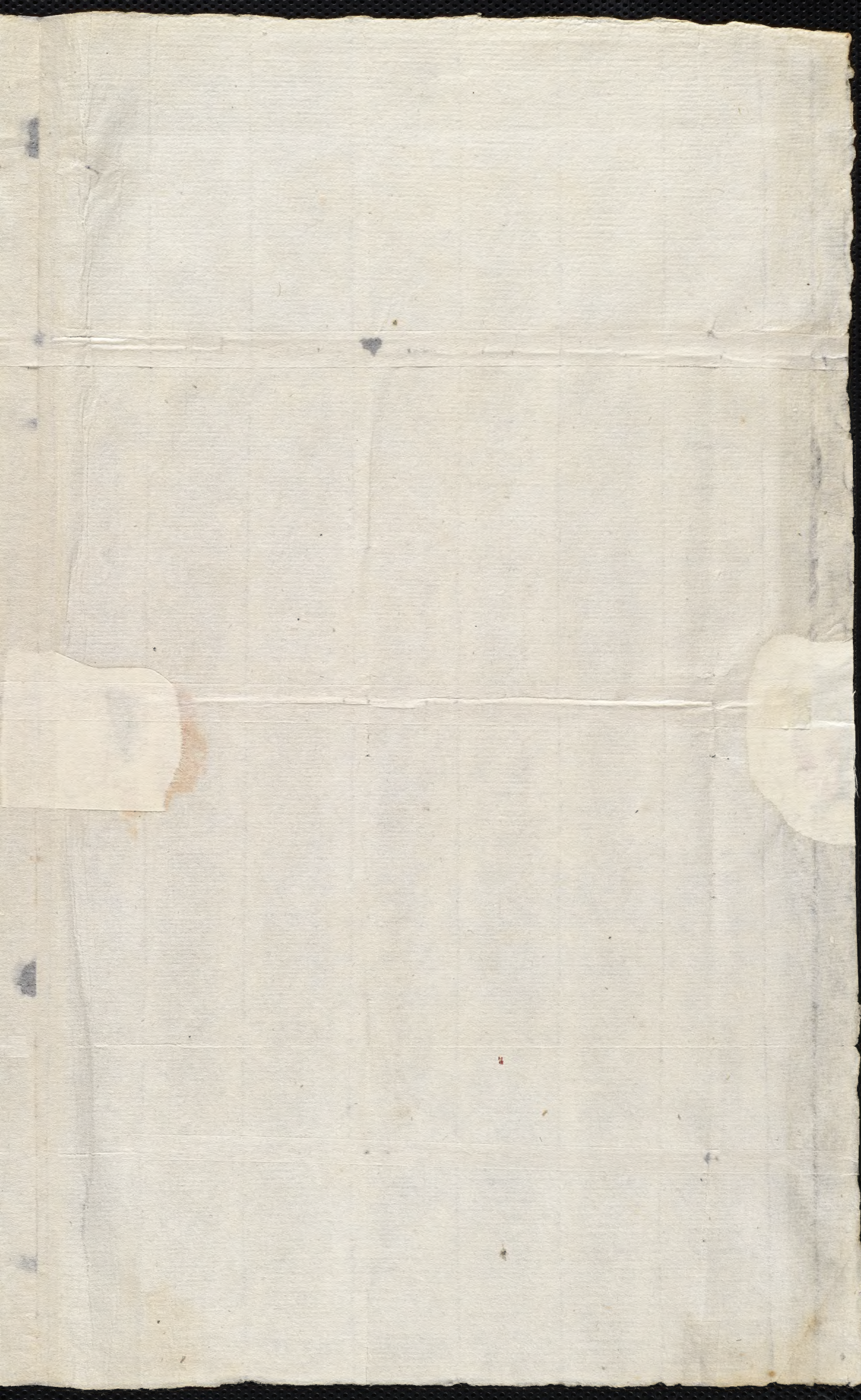
Joseph Hay Sur<sup>t</sup>

The Honorable M. General Lincoln



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The Honorable

Major General Lincoln

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